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## **IDOT Funds Repair Project for Key Bridges in Chicago**

*\$8.4 million projects to repair deteriorating bridges at Lawrence and Wilson avenues*

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that \$4.2 million in state funds will be released for a City of Chicago project to repair two key bridges that carry Lake Shore Drive over Lawrence Avenue and Wilson Avenue.

“The Lawrence and Wilson bridges provide a vital connection between communities and the lakefront,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. “These repairs will deliver safer travel along and under the bridges, allowing for residents to better enjoy Chicago’s beautiful lakefront as they walk, bike or drive to the beach.”

The scope of the project includes removing loose concrete and making other necessary repairs, as well as repairing the concrete beams at both structures. The improvements will enhance safety and extend the life of the bridges.

The projects will cost an estimated \$8.4 million combined, which will be split between state and federal funding.

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